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The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1-4. Canceled

5 (previously submitted). A method of optimizing download rate to a mobile host from an application server in a telecommunications network, said method comprising:

providing an information gateway between said mobile host and said application server capable of adjusting said download rate;

measuring a throughput rate using the following equation

 $R(\tau) = M / \Delta t$, wherein $R(\tau)$ is the measured throughput rate, Δt is a measurement time interval, τ be a current measurement time and M is the a number of messages that arrive during the time interval;

calculating an estimated throughput rate for an application flow using the following equation

 $\hat{R}(\tau) = \alpha(\tau) R(\tau) + (1 - \alpha(\tau)) E[R_{\tau-\Delta t}]$, wherein the estimated value $E[R_{t-\Delta t}]$ is a weighted average of the current measured value and the average of the last K-1 measured values where K is the index of the current measured value, and weight value $\alpha(\tau)$ is an average fractional difference between consecutive measurements points;

calculating the difference between said measured throughput rate and said estimated throughput rate and if said difference is less than a predetermined sensitivity parameter, then increasing said download rate through said information gateway by a predetermined incremental amount.

6 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein said predetermined incremental amount is less than said predetermined sensitivity parameter.

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- 7 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein said step of calculating an estimated throughput rate is carried out at said information gateway.
- 8 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein said step of calculating an estimated throughput rate is carried out at said mobile host.
- 9 (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein said step of calculating the difference is carried out at said information gateway.